



Council President Georgette Gómez

July 2019

Mission: To engage, empower, and advocate for our diverse communities

Vision: An equitable and welcoming community with a high quality of life where all are represented and treated with dignity and respect.

Dear District Nine Residents,

July is Pride Month in San Diego. As the first queer Latina elected to the City Council, I take this time to celebrate, to remember the struggles of past generations, and look ahead to the work needed to continue to advance equal rights under the law.

In this issue of the District Nine Digest, I'm proud to share information about what's happening in this busy month of July at Council and in our communities.

Inside this issue:

- Join me for the Council vote on my updates to the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Ordinance, July 30.
- Join me and the Mayor's Office at a Town Hall on the proposed transitional storage facility in District Nine, July 11.
- Come share your vision of transit for our region when the Metropolitan Transit System hosts a Community Forum in District Nine, July 24.
- My Source of Income Discrimination Ordinance goes into full effect on August 1.
- The deadline to propose an initiative for the March 3, 2020 ballot is this month, per Council Policy guiding this process. Proposals will be considered at the July 31 Rules Committee meeting.
- Find information on community events.

I invite you to read this month's newsletter and to reach out to me via email, phone, your Council Representatives, and at my office hours in the community.

In Solidarity,



Flag raising at the UC San Diego Health Hillcrest Building Lighting Ceremony. UCSD Hillcrest will be lit in the colors of the rainbow in July for San Diego's Pride month.

Addressing Homelessness & Affordable Housing

Council to Vote on Updates to Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations in July

In May, the City's Rules Committee recommended to the City Council the approval of my proposal to update the City's Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations. I am bringing these changes forward since the lack of affordable housing is a significant problem in San Diego.

My proposal requires that when a developer builds a new residential or mixed use project, the project will include at least 10% of the housing units as affordable on-site or use other methods of compliance to ensure there is more affordable housing available within the community. Currently, the City requires a developer to pay a fee rather than build the units on-site but that fee does not come close to covering the cost to build a new affordable housing unit, meaning that a sufficient number of units haven't been built.

When passed, these new regulations are expected to increase the production of affordable housing which will result in more San Diegans being able to have a clean, safe and affordable home.

Join Me in Supporting the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Updates at City Council

Tues., July 30, 2:00 p.m.

202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Ordinance Barring Discrimination Based on Source of Income In Effect on August 1st

Last year, the City Council passed my proposed Source of Income Discrimination Ordinance barring landlords from rejecting applicants for rental housing because they use rental subsidies, including Section 8. It goes into effect on August 1.

Renters report that they have difficulty finding housing because landlords aren't renting to people using housing assistance. This should make finding housing easier for those who need it.

"All we are asking is that landlords allow Section 8 to apply and to evaluate (recipients) in the same way as any other applicant." - Council President Georgette Gómez

If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination contact the Legal Aid Society of San Diego at (800) 735-2929.

TOWN HALL MEETING Proposed Transitional Storage Facility

Thursday, July 11 | 6:30PM - 8:00PM

The Mayor's Office and Council President Georgette Gómez are hosting a town hall for residents to learn more about a proposed transitional storage facility in District Nine and provide input about the proposal.

Location: Teen Challenge Center
5450 Lea Street,
San Diego, CA 92105

RSVP: Stopher Vallejo,
Council Representative
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Submitting a Spring 2020 Ballot Initiative

Per Council Policy 000-21, City residents may file a proposal for an initiative to be considered by the Council for placement on the ballot. This is different than the initiative process that requires signatures to be gathered. The deadline for submitting a proposal for the March 3, 2020 ballot using this process is approaching. Proposals must be filed with the City Clerk no later than **July 24 at 5:00 p.m.** Proposals will be considered at the July 31 Rules Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

District Nine Forum on Transit



Making sure that people have options for how they choose to move throughout their day is important to me and I know how important it is to the residents of District Nine as well. As the Chair of the Metropolitan Transit District, I'm helping to lead a public participation effort to create a shared vision of transit for our region, called ElevateSD.

Over the next several months, you'll have a chance to engage with representatives of MTS at public workshops, telephone town halls, pop-up events at transit stations and other public venues, and online surveys and forums.

I am also bringing the conversation to District Nine this month. Join me!

ElevateSD Community Forum in D9

Wed. July 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: East African Community & Cultural Center
4061 Fairmount Ave.

RSVP: Marcus Bush
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All the information about Elevate San Diego events, meetings, and other public input opportunities can be found at www.ElevateSD2020.com or on Facebook and Twitter at @elevateSD2020.

Community Partner Summer Events



Summer Fun Café

San Diego Unified is helping youth stay nourished all summer long with freshly prepared meals Monday - Friday from June 17 through August 16.

- Free to kids and teens ages 18 & younger.
- No enrollment or registration necessary.
- No income verification/paperwork of any kind.

To find serving sites near you:

- Online: sandiegounified.org/summermeals
- Text 'FOOD' to 877-877
- Call 211



Sharp Free Wellness Workshops

Senior Resources in San Diego

Learn about resources that can help seniors remain independent at home for as long as possible.

Fri, July 12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.,
College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Rd.

Nutrition Basics

Attend this workshop to learn about balanced diets, daily recommendations for fruits & vegetables.

Thurs, July 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
City Heights Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.



Coffee with Your Councilmember

Sat., July 20, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Cafeina Café Grand Opening
4011 46th St. (46th & University)
San Diego, CA 92105

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Wed., August 7, 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

Location: Burly and the Bean
3014 Columbine St.
San Diego, CA 92105

RSVP: Anna Medina
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Community Office Hours

Schedule an appointment or drop-in at my community office hours.

In observance of Independence Day, there will be no office hours on Friday, July 5.

To schedule an appointment:

Email Brenda Lugo at BLugo@sanidiego.gov or call (619) 236-6699

When: Every Friday, 2:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Where: **City Heights Recreation Center**
4380 Landis St.,
San Diego, CA 92105

When: **Saturday, July 20,**
9:30 a.m.—12:30 a.m.

Where: **City Heights Farmers Market**
4325 Wightman St.,
San Diego, CA 92105



Community Cleanups

Sat., July 27, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: **Castle Mini Park**
3033 39th Street
San Diego, CA 92105

For info: Anna Medina
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Sat., August 3, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: **Mountain View Recreation Center**
641 S. Boundary Street
San Diego, CA 92113

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